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### **Playpen with Double Columns at Each Corner**

#### **Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates generally to a playpen, and more particularly to a playpen with multiple columns, such as possessing double columns at each corner of the playpen.

#### **Discussion of the Prior Art**

A conventional playpen 3, generally of the kind disclosed in US Patent 6,539,563 B1 is shown in Fig. 1 of the present drawings. The conventional playpen 3 mainly consists of a rectangular frame 31 and a boundary sheet 33 covering five surfaces of the frame 31. The frame 31 has a pole 311 at respectively each of four nooks or corners, and the boundary sheet 33 completely covers all of the poles 311 such that the conventional playpen 3 is fully covered by the boundary sheet 33 in appearance and thus the visual feeling of the playpen abounding in various materials, such as metal and plastic, is not presently evident. Besides, the poles 311 fail to provide additional space for the arranging of any artificial decoration. Therefore, the conventional playpen 3 with one pole at each nook or corner, on the one hand, sets a limit in the forming of design patterns to the designer, while on the other hand failing to meet a variety of needs for various consumers.

Moreover, the conventional playpen 3, which is equipped with one pole at each nook or corner, needs poles with each possessing a larger diameter in order to meet requirements with respect to strength in construction, which make the conventional playpen 3 seem clumsy in appearance.